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try by any one else and, in Switzerland, by only one German botanist. The finding of this hybrid was assuredly her greatest botanical achievement. I remember well her de ight when she discovered growing by her doorstep the rare hybrid *Aspidium pittsfordense*, which had been produced naturally. It certainly seemed as if things of botanica interest gravitated toward her.

To those who knew Miss Woolson, no estimate of her life would be complete without a mention of her pet tree-toads, which she kept for many years and which she had tra ned to perform several little feats; and of her cats, which were to her almost human personalities and which responded to her devotion in a manner that made them appear to belong to a superior race of felines.

Miss Woolson was born in Pittsford, Vt., on the 17th of October 1856. She was graduated at the High School in Springfield, Vt., and at Kimball Union Academy, at Meriden, N. H. She taught for several years in the vicinity of Pittsford, but failing health compelled her to abandon that profession. Her love of nature induced her to enter upon the more scientific work, to which she devoted herself until the time of her death, June 23, 1911.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS.

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### Notes and news

In connection with a study of the local distribution of some of the common North American Ferns, Prof. E. J. Winslow, Auburndale, Mass., would appreciate any information sent him on the distribution of the ebony spleenwort, including definite descriptions of the localities personally observed by the sender. Of special interest will be reports on any considerable areas within its range where this fern has not been found, and reports from the frontiers of its range (Maine, northern New Hampshire

and Vermont, Ontario, the western Mississippi valley, Texas, Arkansas, southern Alabama, and Florida).

Prof. L. S. Hopkins, 3732 Boquet street, Pittsburg, Pa., announces that he has for distribution to members for postage: 10 sheets of each of *Lycopodium porophyllum* and *Cystopteris fragilis magnasora*, and 20 sheets of *Equisetum hiemale intermedium*.

In connection with the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, during the last week in December, at Washington, D. C., the American Fern Society will hold a meeting on Friday, December 29, in the Business High School Building, 9th street and Rhode Island avenue, N. W. The attractions of the city and of the meetings of various botanical societies during the week should offer an additional inducement to members to attend this meeting.

According to the report of the Judge of Elections, Miss Harriet Mulford, Hempstead, N. Y., the recent annual election of the American Fern Society resulted in the re-election of the former officers, except the president, who had declined renomination. The officers elected are:

*President*—Robert A. Ware, Boston, Mass.

*Vice-President*—Nellie Mirick, Oneida, N. Y.

*Secretary*—Lewis S. Hopkins, Pittsburg, Pa.

*Treasurer*—Harold G. Rugg, Hanover, N. H.

Additions to the list of members and subscribers:

Amidon, Dr. R. W., Chaumont, Jefferson Co., N. Y.

Bartsch, Dr. Paul, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

Browning, Mrs. Arthur, Rowe, Mass.

Dulau & Company, London, England.

Kilby, Mrs. H. S., No. Attleboro, Mass.

Library U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.

Nordgren, Mrs. A. J., Galva, Ill.

Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Ind.

Safford, Wm. E., 3339 Mt. Pleasant St., Washington, D. C.

Worcester Natural History Society, Worcester, Mass.